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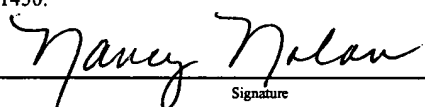
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For: COMPRESSION CIRCUIT FOR  
TESTING MEMORY DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Advisory Action dated March 4, 2005, and is meant to accompany the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

A fee in the amount of \$790.00 is due for the filing of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. Any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 have been calculated after cancellation of claims and after amendment of claims by this Preliminary Amendment. A check for a fee of \$790.00 for filing of the RCE has been enclosed.

Additionally, Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time for filing the present Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying RCE. Applicants respectfully request this paper be construed as constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time (two months) sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Therefore a fee of \$450.00 is believed to be due as a result of the request for the two-month extension. **The Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees of \$450.00 under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C., Account No. 50-0786.** With the exception of the check for \$790.00 and the fees of \$450.00 to be deducted from the PTO account, no other fee is believed to be due. However, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C., Account No. 50-0786.